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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1646  
TOVEY et al ) Examiner: J. Andres  
Appln. No.: 08/853,292 ) Washington, D.C.  
Filed: May 9, 1997 ) June 27, 2001  
For: STIMULATION OF HOST )  
DEFENSE MECHANISMS AGAINST )  
VIRAL CHALLENGES )

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 27, 2001, petition for a one-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1 (Five-times amended). A method for stimulating systemic host defense mechanisms against a pathogenic condition in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal having such a condition a therapeutically effective amount of an interferon via oromucosal contact, said amount being from about 21.4 IU/kg/day to about  $2.9 \times 10^4$  IU/kg/day,